United Nations A/BUR/70/1*

General Assembly

Distr.: General
15 September 2015

Original: English

Seventieth session
General Committee

Organization of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

Contents

		Page
I.	Introduction	2
II.	Organization of the session	2
	A. General Committee	2
	B. Rationalization of work	3
	C. Opening and closing dates of the session	4
	D. Seating arrangements	4
	E. Schedule of meetings	5
	F. General debate	6
	G. Conduct of meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements	7
	H. Records of meetings	7
	I. Resolutions	8
	J. Documentation	9
	K. Questions relating to the programme budget	10
	L. Observances and commemorative meetings	13
III.	Adoption of the agenda	13
IV.	Allocation of items	28

* Reissued for technical reasons on 15 September 2015.

15-15080* (E) 150915

Please recycle

I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the seventieth regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. Some of those provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.17).

3. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the resolutions of the General Assembly on the revitalization its work,[1] the annex to resolution 51/241, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system", and resolution 57/301, entitled "Amendment to rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and opening date and duration of the general debate", the provisions of which are reflected in the present document under the relevant sections.

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 40 of the rules of procedure and to document A/56/1005 (annex, paras. 9 and 10) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

5. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee. The Committee may wish to recall in particular subparagraphs (e) to (h), according to which the General Committee shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly; schedule informal briefings on topical issues; recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items of its agenda; and consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects.

6. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the General Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made by means of a letter to the President (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 20).

7. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 26 of resolution 69/321 in which the General Assembly stressed the importance of enhancing the role of the General Committee to support the work of the Assembly.

[1] Resolutions 48/264, 55/285, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 63/309, 67/297, 68/307 and 69/321.

B. Rationalization of work

8. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to relevant resolutions relating to the rationalization of work, including the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.[2]

9. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads:

> As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.

10. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution 58/316, paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 59/313 and paragraphs 25 and 26 of the annex to resolution 60/286 pertaining to the practices and working methods of the Main Committees.

11. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate and that the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 31 and 36).

12. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 16 of resolution 69/321, in which the Assembly encouraged the Main Committees:

(a) To ensure adequate coordination in their work while avoiding overlap and duplication;

(b) To hold elections for the Bureau of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of the session, and preferably up to six months in advance of each session and calls upon the regional groups to proceed with relevant nominations in a timely manner and in accordance with the interim arrangement adopted in General Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013;

(c) To benefit from their respective intranet and other online services to facilitate the smooth organization and timely conclusion of their work;

(d) To further enhance sharing of information on the work and activities of the Main Committees within each Main Committee;

(e) To further improve the management of the negotiation process for General Assembly resolutions.

13. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 19 of resolution 69/321, in which the Assembly requested each

[2] Resolutions 41/213, 48/264, 52/12 B, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 63/309, 67/297, 68/307 and 69/321.

Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session, and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the seventieth session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, as appropriate.

14. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the relevant provisions of resolutions 69/321 and 68/307 concerning the interim arrangement adopted in decision 68/505 recommending the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions, namely the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions, as well as the guidelines on the election of Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees as contained in the annex to resolution 68/307.

15. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly relevant provisions contained in resolution 68/307 relating to the request of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly to prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the Assembly with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional groups, and to submit them to the Assembly not later than at the seventy-second session, and the invitation to Member States to present proposals and begin early on to give attention to the matter of concluding a future arrangement, which would come into effect at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, with the annex to the resolution containing an option to be considered in this context.

C. Opening and closing dates of the session

16. In accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure, the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly shall begin on Tuesday, 15 September 2015.

17. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the seventieth session of the Assembly recess on Wednesday, 16 December 2015 and close on Monday, 12 September 2016 (decision 69/559 of 28 July 2015, rule 2 of the rules of procedure and para. 4 of annex IV to the rules of procedure).

18. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee complete its work by Monday, 9 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by Tuesday, 17 November, the Second Committee and the Third Committee by Wednesday, 25 November, the Fifth Committee by Friday, 11 December, and the Sixth Committee by Friday, 20 November 2015.[3]

D. Seating arrangements

19. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the

[3] A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications (see para. 50).

General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Tuvalu. The other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order and the same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

E. Schedule of meetings

20. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters will not be serviced beyond 6 p.m. or on weekends, with the exception of the plenary of the General Assembly and the Security Council. Consequently, meetings of the Main Committees during the seventieth session, including informal meetings, should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. on weekdays. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly strongly urged all officers presiding over meetings of the Assembly to start such meetings on time.

21. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 1 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, which reads:

> With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

22. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 4 of resolution 69/250 in which the Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 53/208 A, 54/248, 55/222, 56/242, 57/283 B, 58/250, 59/265, 60/236 A, 61/236, 62/225, 63/248, 64/230, 65/245, 66/233, 67/237 and 68/251 concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requested all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings.

23. The Secretary-General further wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 5 to 9 of resolution 69/250 in which the Assembly acknowledged the significance of the following holidays and observances and invited United Nations bodies at Headquarters and other duty stations where observed to avoid holding meetings on those days, and in this regard encouraged this arrangement be taken into account when drafting future calendars of conferences and meetings: Yom Kippur, Day of Vesak, Diwali, Gurpurab and Orthodox Christmas.

24. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly, in the case of plenary meetings, and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee, in the case of Main Committee meetings, be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

25. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 28 of resolution 69/321 in which the Assembly reaffirmed the relevant provisions of resolution 57/301 concerning the holding of the general debate and encouraged the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first

half of the year from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.

26. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 27 of resolution 69/321 in which the General Assembly reiterated its invitation to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the General Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity and effectiveness, especially during the general debate, and the distribution of such events throughout the session.

27. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that, in accordance with past practice, the Assembly holds a single debate on the items on its agenda, and that a specific mandate from the Assembly is needed for any additional debates.

28. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 24 of resolution 69/321 in which the Assembly recalled the need to avoid duplication and overlap of the agendas of the General Assembly, e ,pecially its Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council, and its subsidiary bodies, and the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, as well as all other related fora, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure.

F. General debate

29. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolutions 57/301 and 69/244, the general debate for the seventieth session shall begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, 28 September, 2015. The Secretary-General recommends that the general debate continue on Saturday, 3 October, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be transferred to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work. Furthermore, there shall be no time limits for statements in the general debate but the Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

30. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 58/126, the theme "The United Nations at 70: the road ahead for peace, security and human rights" has been proposed for the general debate at the seventieth session. The President of the General Assembly has also stated that the theme for the seventieth session would be "The United Nations at 70: A new commitment to action".

G. Conduct of meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements

31. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the relevant rules of procedure regarding the conduct of meetings, namely, rules 35, 68, 72, 73, 99 (b), 106, 109, 114 and 115.

32. The General Committee may also wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in the plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee; and that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item (decision 34/401, paras. 6-8 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

33. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

34. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers (decision 34/401, para. 17 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

35. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly invited Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the Chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

36. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the voting results are final once the voting process has concluded in the Assembly. Delegations may submit voting intention forms provided by the Secretariat in order to clarify their voting intentions, which will be further reflected in the official records of the meetings.

37. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that, once the Assembly adopts a draft resolution or decision, it can no longer be co-sponsored. Likewise, when a Main Committee has adopted a proposal and recommends its adoption by the Assembly, that proposal can no longer be co-sponsored by a Member State.

H. Records of meetings

38. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, as at past sessions, during the seventieth session, verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided for the other Main Committees and the General Committee of the Assembly. In paragraph 76 of resolution 66/246, the Assembly

stressed the importance of an open, transparent and all-inclusive United Nations, and decided to approve the live webcasting, and subsequent web storage, of all the formal meetings of its six Main Committees.

39. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents has been discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records and that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents (resolution 38/32 E, paras. 8 and 9).

40. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the seventieth session.

I. Resolutions

41. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted (decision 34/401, para. 32 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V))
- Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of those resolutions or the continued examination of the question[4]
- In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular part, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs (resolution 57/270 B, para. 69)
- Whenever possible, for the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 1 (A/520/Rev.17, annex VII, para. 1))
- The terms "takes note of" and "notes" are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval (decision 55/488, annex)

42. The Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in accordance with the guidelines for submission outlined by the Secretariat.[5]

---

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 3 (f).

[5] http://www.un.org/en/ga/guidelines_submission_draft_reso.pdf.

43. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the numbering of resolutions and decisions are sequential, and that resolutions or decisions containing identical titles will be assigned identical symbols followed by a letter designation (e.g. "A" and "B").

J. Documentation

44. The General Committee may wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that the Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs that do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned (decision 34/401, para. 28 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V)).

45. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section III of resolution 57/283 B regarding the timely issuance of documents in the six official languages of the Assembly. The General Committee may furthermore wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the six-week rule for the issuance of official documentation simultaneously in all official languages (see resolution 47/202).

46. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolutions 48/264 and 55/285, in which the Assembly emphasized that restraint should be exercised in making requests for new reports and requested more integrated reports, and to resolution 57/270 B, in which it recognized the need to avoid requesting duplicative reports from the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 22 of resolution 69/321, in which the General Assembly requested that the Assembly and its Main Committees, in consultation with Member States, continue consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly.

47. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 67/297, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, and to exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content and to focus on key themes; and further called on them to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.

48. The General Committee may wish to draw the following to the attention of the General Assembly:

- Resolutions should contain requests for observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation

of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 10 (A/520/Rev.17, annex VII, para. 10))

- Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 17)

- Member States, when seeking additional information, are encouraged to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like (resolution 59/313, para. 17)

49. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to section IV, paragraph 21, of resolution 67/237, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will continue to offer paper-smart services as an additional support to delegations during the seventieth session.

K. Questions relating to the programme budget

50. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads:

> No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations.

51. Pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat considers the financial implications of all draft resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs. This process begins once the draft is submitted for issuance as a document of the Assembly. Until then, the Secretariat is not in a position to provide any official view as to whether a draft resolution or decision will have financial implications.

52. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the consideration by the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of any proposal involving expenditure before such a proposal is voted on by the Assembly is mandatory and the rule as formulated does not provide for any exceptions.

53. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the need for initiators of proposals with budgetary implications to clarify a timetable at an early stage with the Chair of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in order to ensure full compliance with rule 153.

54. Also with regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, and paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401, which requires a minimum period of 48 hours before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly the fact that, in most cases, more than 48 hours are required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly.

55. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 25 of resolution 69/321 in which the Assembly recalled rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and encouraged the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates.

56. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V), which read:

> 12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.
>
> 13. Furthermore:
>
> (a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
>
> (b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely $25,000 on any one item;
>
> (c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
>
> (d) A minimum period of 48 hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications.

57. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8; first adopted in resolution 37/234, annex; the rules in the present revised edition are issued pursuant to resolution 53/207), as well as to Assembly resolution 54/236 and its decision 54/474. Regulation 5.9 reads:

> *Regulation 5.9*. No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has

received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal.

58. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A, in which the Assembly:

> *Decides* that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

59. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section VI of its resolution 45/248 B on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, in which the Assembly:

> 1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;
>
> 2. *Reaffirms* also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
>
> 3. *Expresses its concern* at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;
>
> 4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

60. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of the phrase "within available resources"[6] and to the report in which the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the Assembly thoroughly and accurately about whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity.[7]

61. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 40/243, United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for.[8]

62. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that all activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal arrangements, ought to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations, may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when

---

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A* (A/38/7/Add.1-23), document A/38/7/Add.16.

[7] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/54/7).

[8] Ibid.

sufficient funding is received, in advance, from States parties and States not parties participating in the meetings.

63. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to provision contained in paragraph 11 of resolution 69/250, in which the Assembly invited Member States to include in new legislative mandates adequate information on the modalities for the organization of conferences or meetings.

L. Observances and commemorative meetings

64. Considering past practice, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairs of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country.

III. Adoption of the agenda

65. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the seventieth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session (A/70/150);

(b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the seventieth session (A/70/200).

66. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 71 below.

67. In paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the agenda of the Assembly should be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in each medium-term plan or in the strategic framework, as appropriate, with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters", for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly. Since the fifty-ninth session the agenda of the General Assembly has been structured accordingly.

68. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions pertaining to the review and coordination of the agenda, namely, annex I to resolution 48/264, the annex to resolution 51/241, the annex to resolution 55/285, paragraph 60 of resolution 57/270 B, and paragraphs 2 and 4 of the annex to resolution 58/316. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 22 of resolution 69/321, in which the General Assembly requested that the Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventieth session, in consultation with Member States, continue consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly.

69. Bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee

may wish to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the current session (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 23-26).

70. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to decision 49/426, whereby the General Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the Assembly should in future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly (see also para. 74).

71. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 67 to 70 above, the draft agenda of the seventieth session would consist of the following items:

Draft agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization*

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [P.1].
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [P.2].
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventieth session of the General Assembly [P.3]:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly [P.4].[9]
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [P.5].[9]
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [P.6].[1]
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee [P.7].
8. General debate [P.8].

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council [P.9].
10. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [P.10].
11. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [P.11].

---

* Abbreviations used in the present document:
[P]: Item on the provisional agenda (A/70/150).
[S]: Item on the supplementary list (A/70/200).

[9] In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will hold these elections for its seventy-first session at least three months before the opening of that session.

12. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [P.12].

13. Improving global road safety [P.13].

14. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [P.14].

15. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [P.15].

16. Culture of peace [P.16].

17. Information and communications technologies for development [P.17].

18. Macroeconomic policy questions [P.18]:

    (a) International trade and development;

    (b) International financial system and development;

    (c) External debt sustainability and development;

    (d) Commodities.

19. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development [P.19].

20. Sustainable development [P.20]:

    (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

    (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

    (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

    (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

    (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

    (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

    (g) Harmony with Nature;

    (h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

21. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [P.21].

22. Globalization and interdependence [P.22]:

    (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

    (b) Science and technology for development;

    (c) Culture and sustainable development;

    (d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

23. Groups of countries in special situations [P.23]:

    (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

    (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

24. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [P.24]:

    (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

    (b) Women in development;

    (c) Human resources development.

25. Operational activities for development [P.25]:

    (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

    (b) South-South cooperation for development.

26. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition [P.26].

27. Towards global partnerships [P.27].

28. Social development [P.28]:

    (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

    (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

    (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

29. Advancement of women [P.29]:

    (a) Advancement of women;

    (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

30. Report of the Security Council [P.30].

31. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [P.31].

32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [P.32].

33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [P.33].

34. Prevention of armed conflict [P.34]:

    (a) Prevention of armed conflict;

    (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.

35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [P.35].

36. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [P.36].

37. The situation in the Middle East [P.37].

38. Question of Palestine [P.38].

39. The situation in Afghanistan [P.39].

40. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [P.40].

41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [P.41].

42. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [P.42].

43. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [P.43].[10]

44. Question of Cyprus [P.44].[11]

45. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo [P.45].[11]

46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [P.46].[11]

47. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [P.47].[11]

48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [P.48].[11]

49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [P.49].[11]

50. University for Peace [P.50].

51. Assistance in mine action [P.51].

52. Effects of atomic radiation [P.52].

---

[10] In accordance with decision 60/508, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

[11] In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

53. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [P.53].

54. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [P.54].

55. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [P.55].

56. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [P.56].

57. Comprehensive review of special political missions [P.57].

58. Questions relating to information [P.58].

59. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [P.59].

60. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [P.60].

61. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [P.61].

62. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [P.62].

63. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [P.63].

64. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India [P.64].

65. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [P.65].

66. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [P.66].

C. Development of Africa

67. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [P.67]:

    (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

    (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

68. Report of the Human Rights Council [P.68].

69. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [P.69]:

    (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

    (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

70. Rights of indigenous peoples [P.70]:

    (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;

    (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

71. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [P.71]:

    (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

    (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

72. Right of peoples to self-determination [P.72].

73. Promotion and protection of human rights [P.73]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

74. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [P.74]:

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

    (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

    (d) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

75. Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence [P.75].

F. Promotion of justice and international law

76. Report of the International Court of Justice [P.76].

77. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [P.77].

78. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [P.78].

79. Report of the International Criminal Court [P.79].

80. Oceans and the law of the sea [P.80]:

    (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

    (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

81. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [P.81].

82. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session [P.82].

83. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [P.83].

84. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session [P.84].

85. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [P.85].

86. The rule of law at the national and international levels [P.86].

87. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction [P.87].

G. Disarmament

88. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [P.88].

89. Reduction of military budgets [P.89]:

    (a) Reduction of military budgets;

(b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

90. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace [P.90].

91. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty [P.91].

92. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security [P.92].

93. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [P.93].

94. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [P.94].

95. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [P.95].

96. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [P.96]:

(a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;

(b) No first placement of weapons in outer space.

97. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [P.97].

98. General and complete disarmament [P.98]:

(a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(b) Nuclear disarmament;

(c) Notification of nuclear tests;

(d) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(h) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(i) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;

(l) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(m) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(n) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(o) Reducing nuclear danger;

(p) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(r) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(s) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(t) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(u) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(v) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(w) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(x) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(y) The Arms Trade Treaty;

(z) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);

(aa) United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(bb) Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations;

(cc) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament;

(dd) Joint ad hoc meeting of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability.

99. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [P.99]:

(a) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.

100. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [P.100]:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

101. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [P.101].

102. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [P.102].

103. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [P.103].

104. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [P.104].

105. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [P.105].

106. Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations [P.106].

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

107. Crime prevention and criminal justice [P.107].

108. International drug control [P.108].

109. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [P.109].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [P.110].

111. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [P.111].

112. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [P.112].

113. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs [P.113]:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;[12]

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.[13]

114. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections [P.114]:

(a) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

(c) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(d) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(e) Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council;

(f) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [P.115]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(e) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(f) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(g) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(h) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

116. Admission of new Members to the United Nations [P.116].

117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [P.117].

118. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [P.118].

---

[12] In accordance with paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307, the General Assembly will conduct two elections during the seventieth session, each of five non-permanent members of the Security Council, as follows: the first, for the 2016-2017 term, during the main part of the session, in the fall of 2015; the second, for the 2017-2018 term, during the resumed part of the session, in the spring of 2016.

[13] In accordance with paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307, the General Assembly will conduct two elections during the seventieth session, each of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council, as follows: the first, for the 2016-2018 term, during the main part of the session, in the fall of 2015; the second, for the 2017-2019 term, during the resumed part of the session, in the spring of 2016.

119. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [P.119].

120. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [P.120].

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [P.121].

122. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [P.122].

123. Strengthening of the United Nations system [P.123].

124. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [P.124].

125. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter Parliamentary Union [P.125]

126. Global health and foreign policy [P.126].

127. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [P.127].

128. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [P.128].

129. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [P.129].

130. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [P.130].

131. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [P.131]:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(h) United Nations Children's Fund;

(i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(k) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(l) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(m) United Nations Population Fund;

(n) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(o) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(p) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(q) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

(r) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(s) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(t) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

132. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [P.132].

133. Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [P.133].

134. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [P.134].

135. Programme planning [P.135].

136. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [P.136].

137. Pattern of conferences [P.137].

138. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [P.138].

139. Human resources management [P.139].

140. Joint Inspection Unit [P.140].

141. United Nations common system [P.141].

142. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [P.142].

143. Administration of justice at the United Nations [P.143].

144. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such

Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [P.144].

145. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [P.145].

146. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [P.146].

147. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations [P.147].

148. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [P.148].

149. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei [P.149].

150. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad [P.150].

151. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic [P.151].

152. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire [P.152].

153. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [P.153].

154. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [P.154].

155. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [P.155].

156. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste [P.156].

157. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti [P.157].

158. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [P.158].

159. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [P.159].

160. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali [P.160].

161. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [P.161]:

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

162. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan [P.162].

163. Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic [P.163].

164. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [P.164].

165. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur [P.165].

166. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) [P.166].

167. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [P.167].

168. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly [P.168].

169. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly [P.169].

170. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly [P.170].

171. Observer status for the International Civil Defence Organization in the General Assembly [S.1].

172. Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly [S.2].

173. Global awareness of the tragedies of irregular migrants in the Mediterranean basin with specific emphasis on Syrian asylum seekers [S.3].

174. Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly [S.4].

IV. Allocation of items

72. The allocation of items described in paragraph 96 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years and organized under the headings of the draft agenda in paragraph 71 above. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions and decisions dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items, namely, decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.17, annex V), resolution 39/88 B, resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.17, annexes VI and VII), annex I to resolution 48/264 and the annex to resolution 51/241.

73. The Secretary-General also wishes to call to the attention of the General Committee subparagraphs 4 (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j) and (k) of the annex to resolution 58/316 and paragraph 26 of resolution 61/134 relevant to the allocation of items for the seventieth session.

74. The Secretary-General would like to recall that any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly will be considered in plenary meeting after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (resolution 54/195).

75. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

70 (b). Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

98 (dd). Joint ad hoc meeting of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability.

169. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly.

170. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly.

171. Observer status for the International Civil Defence Organization in the General Assembly.

172. Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly.

173. Global awareness of the tragedies of irregular migrants in the Mediterranean basin with specific emphasis on Syrian asylum seekers.

76. Owing to the nature of sub-item (b) of item 70 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the Third Committee.

77. Owing to the nature of sub-item (dd) of item 98 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the First Committee.

78. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 54/195, items 169 to 172 of the draft agenda should be allocated to the Sixth Committee, under heading I, "Organizational, administrative and other matters" (see para. 74).

79. The sponsor of item 173 of the draft agenda suggests that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

80. In connection with item 9 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316, in which the General Assembly decided to consider the item in its entirety in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. The General Committee will recall that, at the fifty-ninth session, it took note of a clarification regarding consideration of the relevant parts of chapter I of the report by the Main Committees concerned. The General Committee may wish to recommend that the Assembly, when considering item 9 in its entirety in plenary meeting, take note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council will be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.

81. With regard to item 15 of the draft agenda (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution 57/270 B, in which the General Assembly decided to consider under the item the chapters of the annual report of the Economic and Social Council relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including through the participation in its discussions of the President of the Council.

82. Also in connection with item 15, as well as item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General

wishes to recall paragraph 56 of resolution 60/265, in which the General Assembly decided to dedicate a specific meeting focused on development, including an assessment of progress over the previous year, at each session of the Assembly.

83. With regard to item 17 of the draft agenda (Information and communications technologies for development), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 2 of resolution 68/302 and decision 69/559, by which the General Assembly decided to convene a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, to be held on 15 and 16 December 2015.

84. With regard to sub-item (a) of item 23 of the draft agenda (Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 20 of resolution 69/231, by which the General Assembly decided to convene a comprehensive high-level midterm review of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 in Antalya, Turkey, for a period of three days in June 2016 and which should result in an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome in the form of a political declaration.

85. With regard to sub-item (a) of item 28 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 62 of resolution 69/143, by which the General Assembly decided to devote one high-level plenary meeting during the seventieth session of the General Assembly to the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development, in order to celebrate the progress made so far and to further strengthen the role of social development beyond 2015.

86. With regard to sub-item (b) of item 28 of the draft agenda (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 20 of resolution 69/142, by which the General Assembly decided to organize, during the seventieth session of the Assembly, a panel discussion to follow up on the status of and progress made towards the realization of the development goals for persons with disabilities in relation to the follow-up to the outcome of the high-level meeting on disability and development and to the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

87. In connection with item 68 of the draft agenda (Report of the Human Rights Council), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 6 of resolution 65/281, by which the General Assembly decided to continue its practice of allocating the item to the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its decision 65/503 A, with the additional understanding that the President of the Council would present the report in her or his capacity as President to the plenary of the Assembly and the Third Committee and that the Third Committee would hold an interactive dialogue with the President of the Council at the time of her or his presentation of the report of the Council to the Committee.

88. With regard to item 71 of the draft agenda (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 22 of resolution 69/162, by which the General Assembly decided

to continue convening annual commemorative meetings of the Assembly during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

89. In connection with item 98 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 88, deal with the subject matter of item 98. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 98.

90. With regard to item 108 of the draft agenda (International drug control), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolutions 67/193 and 69/200, by which the General Assembly decided to convene a special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, following the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, scheduled to be held in March 2016.

91. With regard to item 110 of the draft agenda (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization), pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 10 of resolution 51/241 and as at previous sessions, the Secretary-General wishes to make a brief presentation of his annual report[14] as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Monday, 28 September 2015.

92. In connection with item 121 of the draft agenda (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolutions 58/316, 59/313 and 69/321. In order to facilitate the work of the Main Committees, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly also allocate item 121 to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

93. With regard to item 135 of the draft agenda (Programme planning), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 2 of resolution 69/17, by which the General Assembly re-emphasized the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

94. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 2 of resolution 61/235, by which the Assembly requested the General Committee to take fully into account resolutions 56/253, 57/282, 59/275 and 60/257 in the allocation of agenda items to the Main Committees. The Secretary-General further wishes to recall paragraph 9 of resolution 60/257, by which the Assembly took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/60/73) and encouraged intergovernmental bodies to make use of the findings in the programme performance report of the Secretary-General and evaluation reports in planning and policymaking. On that basis, the Secretary-General suggests that the General Committee recommend the allocation

[14] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/70/1).

of item 135 to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

95. With regard to item 143 of the draft agenda (Administration of justice at the United Nations), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution 64/119, by which the General Assembly approved the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal; and paragraph 49 of resolution 69/203, by which the Assembly invited the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. On that basis, the Secretary-General suggests that the General Committee recommend the allocation of item 143 to the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee.

96. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 76 to 95 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda would be as follows:[15]

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventieth session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 80).
10. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin.
11. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS.
12. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal.

[15] The numbers are those of the items of the draft agenda in paragraph 71 above.

13. Improving global road safety.

14. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

15. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (see paras. 81 and 82).

16. Culture of peace.

17. Information and communications technologies for development (see para. 83).

23. Groups of countries in special situations:

    (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (see para. 84).

28. Social development:

    (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (see para. 85).

    (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (see para. 86).

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

30. Report of the Security Council.

31. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission.

32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

34. Prevention of armed conflict:

    (a) Prevention of armed conflict;

    (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.

35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.

36. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.

37. The situation in the Middle East.

38. Question of Palestine.

39. The situation in Afghanistan.

40. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte.

42. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.

43. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.

44. Question of Cyprus.

45. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

47. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.

48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.

49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.

C. Development of Africa

67. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

68. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 87).

71. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see para. 88).

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

74. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

(d) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

75. Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

76. Report of the International Court of Justice.

77. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

78. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

79. Report of the International Criminal Court.

80. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

G. Disarmament

88. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see para. 89).

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

108. International drug control (see para. 90).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

110. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (see para. 91).

111. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.

112. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

113. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

114. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

(c) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(d) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(e) Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council;

(f) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[16]

(e) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(f) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(g) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(h) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

116. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (see para. 82).

118. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

119. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

120. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

122. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.

123. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

124. United Nations reform: measures and proposals.

125. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

126. Global health and foreign policy.

127. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed

[16] For sub-items (a) to (d), see Fifth Committee.

in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

128. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

129. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

130. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him.

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

First Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

G. Disarmament

89. Reduction of military budgets:

(a) Reduction of military budgets;

(b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

90. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

91. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty.

92. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security.

93. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

94. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

95. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

96. Prevention of an arms race in outer space:

(a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;

(b) No first placement of weapons in outer space.

97. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

98. General and complete disarmament:

(a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(b) Nuclear disarmament;

(c) Notification of nuclear tests;

(d) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(h) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(i) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;

(l) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(m) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(n) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(o) Reducing nuclear danger;

(p) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(r) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(s) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(t) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(u) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(v) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(w) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(x) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(y) The Arms Trade Treaty;

(z) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);

(aa) United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(bb) Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations;

(cc) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament.

99. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.

100. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

101. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

102. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

103. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

104. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

105. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

106. Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

50. University for Peace.

51. Assistance in mine action.

52. Effects of atomic radiation.

53. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

54. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

55. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

56. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

57. Comprehensive review of special political missions.

58. Questions relating to information.

59. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

60. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

61. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

62. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

63. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

64. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

Second Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

17. Information and communications technologies for development.

18. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development;

(b) International financial system and development;

(c) External debt sustainability and development;

(d) Commodities.

19. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

20. Sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Harmony with Nature;

(h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

21. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

22. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science and technology for development;

(c) Culture and sustainable development;

(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

23. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

24. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development.

25. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) South-South cooperation for development.

26. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.

27. Towards global partnerships.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

65. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

Third Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

28. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (see para. 85);

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (see para. 86);

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

29. Advancement of women:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

66. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

D. Promotion of human rights

68. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 87).

69. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (see para. 76);

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

70. Rights of indigenous peoples:

(a) Rights of indigenous peoples.

71. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see para. 88):

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

72. Right of peoples to self-determination.

73. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

107. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

108. International drug control (see para. 90).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

Fifth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

115. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors.

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

[17] For sub-items (c) to (h), see plenary meetings.

131. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(h) United Nations Children's Fund;

(i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(k) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(l) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(m) United Nations Population Fund;

(n) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(o) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(p) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(q) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

(r) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(s) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(t) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

132. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

133. Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

134. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

136. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

137. Pattern of conferences.

138. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

139. Human resources management.

140. Joint Inspection Unit.

141. United Nations common system.

142. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

143. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 95).

144. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

145. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

146. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

147. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations.

148. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

149. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.

150. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

151. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic.

152. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

153. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

154. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

155. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

156. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

157. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

158. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

159. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

160. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

161. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

162. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.

163. Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic.

164. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

165. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

166. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009).

Sixth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

81. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

82. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session.

83. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

84. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session.

85. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

86. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

87. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

109. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

121. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 92).

135. Programme planning (see paras. 93 and 94).

143. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 95).

167. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

168. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly.

169. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly (see para. 78).

170. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly (see para. 78).

174. Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly (see para. 78).